

REMARKS

Claims 1-12, 14-37, 41-56, 58 and 65 are pending. Claims 1-10, 14-31, 33, 34, 36, 37, and 41-56 have been rejected. Claims 11, 12, 32, and 35 have been objected to. Claims 58 and 65 are allowed. Claims 1, 12, 26, and 33 have been amended. Claims 11, 14-25, 31, 32, 34, 35, and 38-56 have been cancelled for the purposes of expediting prosecution. No new matter has been added.

Claim 49 was objected to for informalities. Claim 49 has been cancelled, thereby obviating the objection.

Claims 41-48 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by McDaniel (U.S. Patent Number 6,510,214). Claims 41-48 have been cancelled, thereby obviating the rejection.

Claims 1-10, and 14-31 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shah (U.S. Patent Number 6, 226,689) in view of Sager (U.S. Patent Number 6,542,921). Claims 14-25, and 31 have been cancelled, thereby obviating the rejection. The Examiner indicated that claim 11 was allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the features of now cancelled claim 11. Thus, claim 1 is now allowable. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejection and allow claim 1.

Similarly, the Examiner indicated that claim 32 was allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claim 26 to incorporate the features of now cancelled claim 32. Thus, claim 26 is now allowable. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejection and allow claim 26.

Claims 2-10, 12, and 27-30 are all variously dependent on independent claims 1 and 26 as amended and are therefore allowable for at least the reasons given above for claims 1 and 26. It is therefore respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejections and allow claims 2-10, 12, and 27-30.

Claims 33-34, 36-37, 49-52, and 55-56 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shah in view of Wolrich (U.S. Patent No 6, 625, 654). Claims 34, 35, and 49-52, and 55-56 have been cancelled, thereby obviating the need to respond to the rejection. Claim 33 has been amended to include the features of now cancelled claims 34 and

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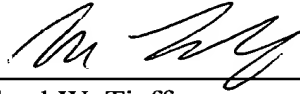
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35. The Examiner stated that claim 35 would be allowable if written in independent form to include the features of all the claims from which it depends. Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 33 includes the features of cancelled claim 34 and 35, and is therefore allowable for the reasons given by the Examiner with respect to claim 35. It is therefore respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejection and allow claim 33.

Claims 36 and 37 are dependent on amended claim 33, and are therefore allowable for at least the reasons given above for independent claim 33. It is therefore respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejection and allow claims 36, and 37.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application and an early Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

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